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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 1276

EO 11652: ADS (DECLAS 7/21/75)

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

FOR STATE/AID

1. FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 6 THROUGH JANUARY 20, 1975, THE RICE
SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION IN PHNOM PENH WAS AS FOLLOWS (ALL FIGURES IN
METRIC TONS):

BEGINNING STOCK 1/6/75	32,279.00
ARRIVALS: (A) MEKONG	---
(B) RTE 5/TONLE SAP	
(LOCAL RICE)	---
(C) HARVESTED IN PHNOM PENH AREA)	558.00
TOTAL AVAILABILITY	32,837.00
LESS DISTRIBUTION	11,270.00
NET CLOSING STOCK 1/20/75	21,567.00

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2. STOCK POSITION: AT COB JANUARY 20, 1975, GOVERNMENT RICE

STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH TOTALLED 21,567 METRIC TONS OF WHICH 7,529 METRIC TONS WERE U.S. RICE, 12,804 METRIC TONS LOCAL RICE, AND 1,234 METRIC TONS BROKENS. AT THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE OF 540 METRIC TONS, THE RICE STOCKS AMOUNT TO A 40-DAY SUPPLY.

3. DISTRIBUTION: AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION IN THE LAST 10 DAYS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS 695 METRIC TONS. STARTING JANUARY 20, THE DAILY QUOTA FOR PHNOM PENH ONLY WAS REDUCED FROM 600

METRIC TONS TO 540 METRIC TONS TO BE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: 300 METRIC TONS OF U.S. RICE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO FANK IN PHNOM PENH AND ADJACENT AREA (200 METRIC TONS) AND CIVIL SERVANTS (100 METRIC TONS); 240 METRIC TONS OF LOCAL RICE FOR CIVILIAN POPULATION THROUGH THE "ILOT" DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THIS REDUCTION WAS MADE POSSIBLE PARTIALLY BY ELIMINATION OF AIRLIFTS OUT OF PHNOM PENH.

4. GKR AIRLIFT: STARTING JANUARY 20, 1975, AIRLIFTS FROM PHNOM PENH HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. TWO OF THE PROVINCIAL ENCLAVES, SVAY RIENG AND TAKEO, WILL BE SUPPLIED BY AIRLIFT FROM KOMPONG SOM. THE OTHER TWO, , KOMPONG THOM AND KOMPONG CHAM, WILL HAVE TO RELY, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ON EARLY HARVEST IN THE AREA.

A. STOCKS IN PROVINCIAL ENCLAVES AS OF JANUARY 17, 1975: SVAY RIENG 172 METRIC TONS (MONTHLY QUOTA 400 M/T), TAKEO 251 METRIC TONS (MONTHLY QUOTA 400 M/T), KOMPONG THOM 253 METRIC TONS (MONTHLY QUOTA 450 M/T, AND KOMPONG CHAM 286 METRIC TONS (MONTHLY QUOTA 500 M/T).

B. PRESENT STOCKS AT KOMPONG SOM, INCLUDING AFLOAT AWAITING DISCHARGE; 4,895 METRIC TONS. SCHEDULED TO SAIL FROM SAIGON: 12,345 METRIC TONS.

5. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD: NONE.

6. PROJECTED ARRIVALS: THE MEKONG CONVOY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JANUARY 5 IS UNDER LOAD WITH 3,452 METRIC TONS. THE SECOND CONVOY IS ALSO UNDER LOAD WITH 9,645 METRIC TONS. FOUR OTHER SHIPS LOADED IN SAIGON, BUT NOT SCHEDULED, CARRY 5,124 METRIC TONS. ADDITIONAL 5,600 METRIC TONS ARRIVED IN SAIGON. TOTAL POSSIBLE ARRIVALS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PHNOM PENH WHEN MEKONG SHIPPING OPENS AGAIN: 23,871 METRIC TONS.
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